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In re application of:

Marotti, Poorman, Wells and Shinabarger

Serial No.: 09/322,732

Group Art Unit: 1653

Filed: May 28, 1999

Examiner: H. Robinson

For: **ELONGATION FACTOR P (EFP) AND ASSAYS AND ANTIMICROBIAL TREATMENTS RELATED TO THE SAME**

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9-14 and 19-139 without prejudice to their presentation in another application and amend claims 6 and 15 as follows:

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising step:
(c) determining whether said compound which modulates the activity of efp modifies